

FENCE LATCH MECHANISM

ABSTRACT

A fence latch includes a base member, a fastener, and a hook member. The base member includes mounting member and a flange. The post mounting member straddles the post and includes mounting openings for receiving the fastener, which extends through said mounting openings for mounting the post mounting member around the post. The flange extends from the post mounting member and has a lateral extent extending transversely with respect to the post mounting member and with respect to the post. The hook member includes a gate mounting member for mounting to a gate. The hook member engages the flange for latching the gate to the post. The hook member includes first and second tines, which depend from the gate mounting member. The flange has a first opening for receiving and retaining one of tines in the flange and a second slotted opening for receiving the other tine wherein the slotted opening permits the gate to swing about the post in a first direction while limiting swinging of the gate in a second direction opposed from the first direction, and wherein the first opening prevents pivoting of the gate about the other tine.